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### **HOT WEATHER ALERT**

JEFFERSON CITY--Temperatures are again expected to reach 100 degrees or above in much of Missouri today. For many, it will mark the sixth straight day that temperatures have reached or exceeded 100 degrees. **Missourians are urged to take the necessary steps in order to try and stay cool during this extremely hot weather.**

In addition, increased usage during extremely hot weather places additional demand on the electric system of your provider. During this critical heat period, consumers should evaluate ways to help keep their homes cool and safely conserve energy. Things to consider:

- Closing drapes and blinds during the day to keep the sun from heating your home;
- Using the clothes dryer or dishwasher in the early morning or evening hours;
- Using your microwave, toaster oven or slow cooker. They use about half the energy of a regular oven and will keep the kitchen cooler;
- Turning off lights when they are not in use;
- Making sure the air conditioner filters are clean;
- Making sure cool air registers are not blocked by furniture, carpeting or drapes;
- Using a ceiling fan to assist in cooling the home.

**Once again, Missourians are urged to take the necessary steps in order to try and stay cool during this extremely hot weather.** In addition, consumers are urged to regularly check on the elderly or those in need. Consumers should follow water conservation measures issued by their local water company due to the hot, dry weather.